TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

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FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY,

HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLS.,

Sunday and Monday, February 23 and 24, 1890.

SUNDAY SERVICES, FEBRUARY 23.

In Chicago and vicinity, and in the Joliet, Aurora, Milwaukee, and Davenport Districts, the cause of Christian Education in the South, as carried forward by this Society, will be presented in the churches, and the congregations will make their annual offering.

SUNDAY NIGHT MASS-MEETINGS.

OF THESE FOUR WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 P. M.

- 1. First Church, corner Clark and Washington Streets. Speakers: Chancelor J. F. Spence, D. D., Rev. O. H. Tiffany, D. D., Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D.
- 2. Englewood Church. Speakers: Bishop J. M. Walden, Rev. J. S. Chadwick, D. D., Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D.
- 3. Western Avenue, corner Monroe. Speakers: President W. H. HICKMAN, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. M. C. B. MASON, A. M., of Georgia; General W. H. GIBSON, of Ohio.
- 4. Oak Park. Speakers: Bishop I. W. JOYCE, D. D., of Chattanooga, Tenn., Rev. J. C. HARTZELL, D. D.

MONDAY MEETINGS, FEBRUARY 24.

Joint meeting of Chicago Preachers' Meeting and Representatives of the Society.

All Monday meetings held in First Church, corner Clark and Washington Streets.

10.00 to 10. 30 A. M. Introductory Exercises.

10.30 to 11.00. The Past Year's Work. Rev. J. C. HARTZELL, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

11.00 to 11.30. Discussion.

11.30 to 12.00. Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.: Its Present Status and Outlook. President W. P. THIRKIELD, D. D.

12.00 to 12.30. Discussion.

AFTERNOON.

2.00 to 2.30. Introductory Exercises with Song Service.

2.30 to 3.00. Educational Work of Methodist Episcopal Church in the Central South. Bishop I. W. JOYCE, D. D., of Chattanooga, Tenn.

3.00 to 3.30. Discussion.

3.30 to 4.00. Industrial Education in the South. President W. H. HICKMAN, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.

4.00 to 4.30. Discussion.

MONDAY NIGHT.

Closing Mass-meeting in First Church, 7.30 P. M.
BISHOP WALDEN WILL PRESIDE.

Speakers: Bishop J. P. NEWMAN, L.L. D., Omaha, Nebraska; Bishop I. W. JOYCE, of Tennessee; General W. H. Gibson, of Ohio.

OUR FIELD.

THE sixteen Southern States, where vast multitudes of both colored and white people are yet not reached by the blessings of Christian culture, or even secular education. In this field are 1,672,946 white and 3,042,435 colored people who can not write.

Our Church has in the South, and very largely among the poorer classes, 220,183 white and 226,833 colored communicants. and 5,023 traveling preachers. They represent an aggregate population of at least 2,000,000, who look exclusively to our Church for Christian

Slavery degraded manual labor. In our schools the past year 1,452 young men and women were taught industries in our manual training and trades schools.

Gracious revivals occur in all our schools each

* STARS IN OUR SOUTHERN FIRMAMENT! *

Institutions of Christian Learning of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Southern States.



OUR STARSI

How they shine!

The large stars mean collegiate centers—twelve of them!

The smaller stars academies - twenty-eight of

The large round spot in Georgia is Gammon Theological Seminary!

The smaller round spot in Tennessee is Meharry Medical College!

Forty-two in all!!

These stars mean guidance, hope, intelligence, and salvation to thousands now, and millions in the future!!!

While in the South, as a whole, illiteracy is steadily increasing, because children are born faster than school facilities increase, in the centers, where these stars radiate their blessed influence, illiteracy is decreasing, and temperance and thrift and morality grow.

Shine on, O blessed stars of light and love and prophecy!!

THE YEAR'S WORK.

DURING the year ending July 1, 1889, the Society received from Church collections. \$85,670.00; from all other sources, \$130,930.71; total, \$216,601.71. This is a net increase over the preceding year of \$46,183.86.

Three hundred and twenty-eight Christian teachers have been kept at work in fortyone institutions of learning teaching 7,688 young men and women.

Twenty-one of these institutions are among colored people, and had 223 teachers and 4,971 students.

Twenty schools are among white people, with 105 teachers and 2.717 students.

\$43,564.67 have been put into buildings at sixteen different points in the South.

Two hundred and twenty-nine young men were taught in the theological classes.

THE CRY OF THE POOR.

SEVEN MILLIONS of lately enfranchised colored people appeal for Christian leadership. With equal emphasis comes the cry from multitudes of the poorer white people of the South. In the cabin homes of these people, especially in the central mountainous South, are tens of thousands of bright-eyed boys and girls who will never be educated unless by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By every motive of holy patriotism, by every feeling of gratitude to God for the blessings of Christian culture, and by every impulse of charity born of love to Christ, we plead for these poor. Help us!

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DONATIONS AND COLLECTIONS.

THESE should be sent in drafts, checks, registered letters, or post-office orders to the Treasurer, Rev. Earl Cranston, D. D., 190 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Or, if more convenient, they may be paid to the nearest Methodist Book Depository, or sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

BEQUESTS AND DEVISES.

Persons disposed to make bequests to the Society by will are requested to observe the following form:

FORM OF A DEVISE OF LAND TO SAID BOARD.

OUR MISSION IS TO THE POOR.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him again!" (Proverbs, xix, 17.)